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# COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY IN ORIGINAL APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

## METHOD FOR SEPARATING AND RECOVERING TARGET POLYMERS AND THEIR ADDITIVES FROM A MATERIAL CONTAINING POLYMERS

the specification of which

| (check one) | is attached hereto, and which hereby incorporates the subject matter    |
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|             | presented in the preliminary amendment submitted concurrently herewith, |
|             | in accordance with MPED & 608 04/h)                                     |

was filed on February as U.S. Application Number and was amended on the same date, wherein the subject matter presented in the amendment of this date is incorporated into the application in accordance with MPEP § 608.04(b).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56,

- and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent; and
- if this is a continuation-in-part application, information that occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63(e); and
- in compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| Prior Foreign Application(s) |           | Priority               | Claimed |    |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|---------|----|
| PCT EPO1/06419               | PCT       | June 6, 2001           | X       |    |
| (Number)                     | (Country) | (Day/Month/Year Filed) | Yes     | No |
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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